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# Around the Nation

Stonewall Anniversary and the Gay Games

## A Million Gays With A Million Things to Do

by Bob Kent -- Gaywire

**A**n estimated 1,500,000 lesbians and gays are headed to New York to celebrate the Stonewall Rebellion that ignited the gay and lesbian rights movement 25 years ago. The Olympic-style Gay Games IV begins on June 18 with as many as 15,000 international athletes competing in the hot summer sun.

There will be a vigil, the world's largest human rights demonstration, a rally in Central Park, a gigantic outdoor dance, leather balls, drag balls, conferences and culture. Also scheduled is Sir Ian McKellen in a one man show, music for every taste, art, theatre and a gay and lesbian world market place filled with people and treasures from around the globe. And you know what? It's us. It's an all gay/lesbian extravaganza that's guaranteed to make you alive and proud and it's getting bigger and more important every day.

The events keep multiplying and the numbers keep escalating as New York prepares for an International Gay and Lesbian Festival on a scale never seen anywhere before. These events, still being assembled, refined and polished will touch every color in our international rainbow.

The Gay Games IV kicks off June 18 and finishes on June 25. Over 9,000 athletes have already registered and expectations are that 15,000 will eventually compete in the 31 events. For comparisons sake, the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona only had 11,000 athletes and, of course, our attitudes and outfits will be fabulous.

On a more serious note, Jay Hill, Executive Director of Gay Games IV, said "We are pleased to be able to welcome HIV-posi-

### Remembering Stonewall

June 28 marks the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion. That night in 1969, NYC police conducted what they thought would be just another raid on just another unlicensed gay bar. On that particular night, however, the patrons of the Stonewall Inn resisted, setting off a three day riot in Greenwich Village.

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tive individuals from around the world to New York to attend the Games. The U.S. government believes, as we do, that Gay Games IV is a world-class sporting and cultural event that has benefits that far outweigh the rationale of the permanent ban on HIV immigration."

The Cultural Festival, complimenting the Gay Games, will offer everything from a photo exhibit of lesbians in sports to an underwear show. There will also be the Absolutely Queer Comedy Fest, the New York Men's Chorus, a film and video festival and Lesbian and Gay Bands of America. The Sir Ian McKellen show should add to the culture and class. And for those cowpersons coming to the Big Apple there will be a line dancing exhibition and competition at Roseland June 23. The Unity '94 Festival Chorus is looking for 1,000 voices to sing at special events throughout the games. For more information on all these activities (and more), please contact Willa J. Taylor, Cultural Festival Director, at 212-633-9494.

Pridefest '94, sponsored by the Heritage Of Pride committee, is a three day festival along the Hudson River west of Christopher Street, Friday through Sunday, June 24-26. James Tavs, Director of H.O.P. said, "The three day PrideFest will be an event that people will remember for a long time."

Pridefest 94' will include the Pride Pavilion. This multi-media exhibit focusing on our past 25 year-old history will highlight our accomplishments in a striking audio-visual presentation. It describes the various organizations and individuals and their importance in the struggle for gay and lesbian equal rights.

The stage - Two days of live entertainment featuring the best talent our international community can put together. Look for some special surprises

here.

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- ▼ Youth HIV Outreach - volunteers needed
- ▼ African-American Men's Group 6/29 6:30PM
- ▼ Eagles (for seniors) 6/22 7:00PM
- ▼ H.E.A.L. - Health Education and Awareness for Lesbians 7:00PM (call for dates)

### *Thursdays*

- ▼ Being Alive Living Room for PWAs 2-5PM
- ▼ Women's Coming Out Group 6:00PM
- ▼ CODA (co-dependents anonymous) 7:30PM

### *Fridays*

- ▼ Youth Rap Group (24 & under) 5:45PM
- ▼ Café Lambda 8:00PM - Midnight

### *Saturdays*

- ▼ Youth Social (24 & under) 8:00PM
- ▼ Homebuyer's Seminar 6/25 10AM-1PM

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# National Newsbits

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## Gay Couple sues Denny's

A male couple who held hands inside a Denny's restaurant sued the chain on April 18, saying they were denied service because they are gay.

According to United Press International, Arsen Kabadayan and Oscar Gomez allege that employees of a Commerce, Calif., Denny's ignored them while serving other customers. They claim one waitress made jokes about them to other customers and waitresses as they waited for a table. They are suing the South Carolina-based chain for violating their civil rights, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and negligence. They are seeking \$500,000 in general and statutory damages and legal fees.

*Washington Blade*

## Cammermeyer to be Reinstated

A federal judge in Seattle ordered the military May 9th to reinstate a highly decorated nurse who was forced out of the Washington state National Guard after acknowledging that she is a lesbian.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Zilly ordered Colonel Margaret Cammermeyer back to the job she held in 1992, ruling that the military's policy

on homosexuals at that time was based solely on prejudice and was a clear violation of the Constitution's equal-protection clause.

At a hastily convened news conference in Seattle, Cammermeyer beamed with delight and told reporters: "I feel a little bit like a general who has won a war. There is exoneration."

Zilly's decision dealt with the Pentagon's old policy on homosexuals, not the new regulations that Congress and the Clinton administration agreed on last year. The new rules, known as "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue," permit homosexuals in the military as long as they remain silent about their sexual orientation.

But the new rules share many similarities with the old ones, and the administration is defending the old policy in court to set precedents that would make challenges to the new policy in court to set precedents that would make challenges to the new policy more difficult.

Pentagon officials said last night that they are reviewing Zilly's decision and considering whether to appeal.

Gay rights advocates hailed the ruling as one of a growing number of federal court challenges to the old policy that, collectively, could cut away at the undergirding of both old

and new rules.

"This is yet another statement from the courts that they're looking at the constitutionality of this policy, and it's failing the test," said William Rubenstein, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

*San Francisco Chronicle*

## L.A. Gays Target of Hate Crimes

For the first time since 1980, when the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations began keeping track of hate crimes, gay men replaced blacks as the biggest victim group. Figures for 1993 show that 211 gay men were the targets of hate crimes, while blacks were victimized 179 times. Attacks on lesbians more than doubled from the previous year, from 13 to 30. "We're not surprised, but we're alarmed," said Liza Culick of the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center. "There's been an increased visibility... That foments hatred."

*Southern Voice*

## Health Coverage in Massachusetts

Gay and lesbian activists are hailing a Massachusetts legislative panel's endorsement of two

bills that would allow domestic partners of state employees to be covered by state health insurance. The bills were approved last week by the Public Service Committee, and would require domestic partners to sign a statement saying they are in a committed relationship, live together, and assume responsibility for each other's welfare before they are eligible for the benefits. If the bills are ultimately approved by the legislature and signed by the governor, Massachusetts would become the first state to cover its employees under such legislation.

*Southern Voice*

## Gay and Lesbian Statue Defaced

Seven Stanford athletes were arrested May 16 after ramming a wooden bench and spattering black paint on a statue honoring gays and lesbians.

According to an Associated Press report, campus police chased and caught seven athletes: baseball players Dusty Allen, Brendan Sullivan, Todd LaRocca, and Robert Gardner; football players Mark Butterfield and Jason White; and wrestler Thomas Irvin. Damage to the statue, which was donated to the university in 1984 by artist George Segal, has been estimated at \$5,000.

The students were released from custody that night. The district attorney's office is still deciding whether to press charges against the seven. And school authorities are considering a variety of punishments, including revoking their scholarships.

*Washington Blade*

## Boy Scouts go to Supreme Court

The California Supreme Court agreed to address the politically charged issue of whether the Boy Scouts of America can exclude gays, atheists and other minorities.

The court will review two cases to decide whether the organization is subject to the state's ban against discrimination. One case involves the appeal of a former Eagle Scout

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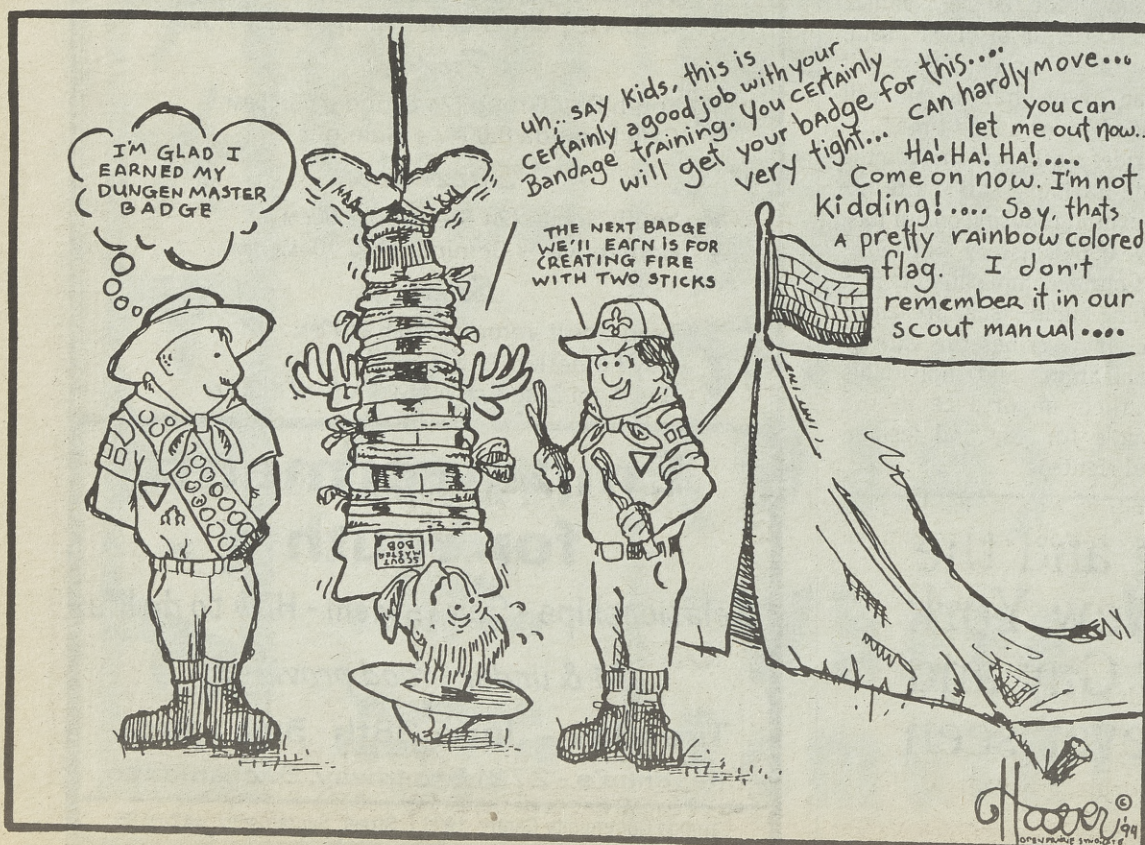
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# Cards that Capture Our Loves and Lives

by P.J. Dunker

**H**ave you ever been shopping for a special someone and been frustrated by only finding heterosexual couples pictured together? Are you tired of drawing a mustache on the bride or cleavage on the groom? In 1993, a group of men decided to pool their talents and fill this void in the greeting card industry.

They introduced greeting cards that featured photos of gay men and lesbians doing what gay people do: kissing, hugging, laughing, flirting, and being intimate. In their first year they sold more than half a million of their cards. The company is 10 Percent Productions.

Some of their success obviously stems from their talents and experience, each having an impeccable résumé. Another factor is the fact that their motivation is from the heart, something that is obvious by

the company's message on the back of their products. "We believe in a world of love, compassion and mutual respect, a world free from fear, discrimination and prejudice. Each year we donate 10% of our profits to non-profit organizations who work to further this vision. We also believe in protecting the environment while producing the highest quality products and therefore use environmentally sensitive paper in all our products."

Sentiments aside, this is a

group that does their homework.

Greg Nimer, Christian Irizarry, Tim Lutz, and Drew Paxton make up the core group that created 10 Percent Productions. Shared between them, they have literally decades of experience.

Basing their market analysis on statistical research and personal experience, they reached the following conclusion.

"Gay people, like any minority, get overlooked by mainstream marketing efforts," says Greg Nimer, President and creator of the line. "They are expected to respond to the same messages the rest of the world receives. When they're sent messages specific to their needs or priorities they respond enthusiastically. The images on our cards are created to appeal

## A half million cards sold in their first year.

to a gay audience, but the copy about love, caring and sympathy is mainstream. That's never been done before."

Christian Irizarry, Operations manager, notes, "There's no doubt that there is not only room, but a need for card lines like ours. Some retailers jumped on the idea from the beginning. Others were a bit hesitant but have been amazed at the response to this product. While our cards are a natural in largely gay areas and in stores that cater to gay customers, retailers in very mainstream stores in unlikely places are finding they have a gay clientele that will purchase this product."

The company has developed numerous lines of cards. They carry not only the traditional, mainstream themes such as birthday cards and party announcements, friendship cards and anniversary cards, but also cards with themes like being an out and proud gay or lesbian, and cards that demonstrate a particular sensitivity to the



AIDS crisis, both for people with AIDS and their survivors.

Instead of the traditional "Get Well" cards, 10 Percent has a different approach they call "Be Well." This was done as their response to the question of what type of card to give an acquaintance who is ill, when they may or may not ever get well.

In addition their line of sympathy cards were especially created for anyone who has been

touched by the AIDS crisis. They address the unique relationships and special circumstances of those whose lives have been cut short by AIDS.

Currently 10 Percent Productions has close to 1000 retail outlets in the United States.

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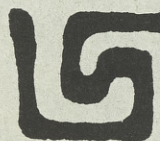
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## AIDS Facility Set To Open

by Stan Carlsen

After meeting weekly for nearly a year, the Sacramento AIDS Housing Alliance (AHA) has entered the final stages of lease negotiations for a six-bedroom home in northeast Sacramento County.

This development comes just as Hope House-- presently the only residential care facility in town-- has cut its program to just six beds for end-stage AIDS patients. The AHA plans to double that amount with six private bedrooms in a one-story home in what AHA board member Melissa Culloty called "a conducive neighborhood."

It had been previously reported that a site closer to town was being seriously looked at, but "the construction just seems to go on and on. We're hoping to someday use that as a second

site, but who knows?", said Culloty.

Despite the frustrations, things have been looking up since the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted the Alliance approximately \$59,000 in funds from the Ryan White Consortium (for the Sacramento/Foothill region.)

The target date for opening the new facility is September 1, but, before the AHA can receive the federal grant money, the facility has to be up and running. "They have to see that expenses have been incurred," according to Culloty. "We have to build up our own account to provide operating expenses for about 90 days before we see any grant money."

In order to get the project off the ground, the AHA has already solicited funds through a phone-a-thon and a fundraising birthday party. Board Chairperson Brian Putler also wants to raise an additional \$15,000 for site renovation. "We could use all the help we can get," said Putler, who can be contacted through the AIDS Foundation.

According to Putler, the new facility will be the only AIDS care home officially licensed by the State as a Residential Care Facility for the Chronically Ill (RCFCI) in the Sacramento Valley.

The AHA is hoping to recruit volunteer contractors, decorators and others with building skills or just an interest in helping. The organization is also soliciting equipment to be donated.

Fundraisers at the bars are presently being planned for this summer. Also the Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival has added the AHA to its list of charities to benefit from that event, which will be held September 22-24.



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# Sacramento

## "Don't Ask; Don't Tell" Claims First Victim

by Michael R. Gorman

While President Bill Clinton greeted crowds at Sacramento's McClellan Air Force Base on Saturday, May 21, the results of one of his policies were being played out across town at the local headquarters of the Army National Guard near Bradshaw Road.

In the first action against a serviceperson under Clinton's "Don't Ask; Don't Tell" policy, a federal recognition board made up of Guard officers decided to rescind the federal recognition of Lieutenant C. Andrew Holmes, a preliminary step toward full discharge from the service. An officer cannot serve without federal recognition status.

The decision was announced on Sunday, just a day after the hearing. Holmes expressed disappointment that the board did not deliberate longer. According to the board's president, Colonel Paul Monroe, however, the Pentagon's interpretation of the new policy left little room for any other decision. On June 3, 1993 Holmes sent a memo to his commander stating, "As a matter of conscience, honesty and pride I am compelled to inform you that I am gay." The

Uniform Code of Military Justice forbids "homosexual conduct," and the government's interpretation of the new policy states that "a statement by a federally recognized Army officer that he is homosexual creates a rebuttable presumption that the officer engages in, attempts to engage in, or intends to engage in homosexual acts."

When asked by Holmes's lawyer, Paul Wotman, if it was possible to have a homosexual orientation and not fulfill terms of the rebuttable presumption, the panel members, Lt. Col. Richard Hoffman, Major John Porter, Captain Richard Mair and Col. Paul Monroe responded that they did not know. Colonel Monroe admitted to The Latest Issue that "None of us (the panel) are experts in the field."

Wotman did not use the time



Lieutenant Andy Holmes is the first service member to be discharged under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

before the panel to try to rebut the presumption. Instead he claimed that because of the genetic nature of sexual orientation, the presumption is not rebuttable at all and the proceedings were mute. He also

claimed that the discharge of Lieutenant Holmes would violate his constitutional rights to privacy, equal protection and freedom of speech. He claimed that the panel should be bound by recent court decisions that

have declared the regulations unconstitutional. He also attacked the what he saw as inherent illogic in the policy, such as designating hand-holding as a homosexual act.

Holmes told The Latest Issue that he and Wotman plan to challenge the constitutionality of the Clinton policy in federal court once all administrative avenues are exhausted. The hearing was the final administrative step.

Asked about the prospect of being discharged, Lt. Holmes explained that he has been hoping to remain on duty but planning for the discharge. Although he wishes to remain with the Guard, he said, "I don't want to serve if I have to be in the closet. That's just not acceptable."

Holmes, a veteran of Desert Storm and of the Army National Guard's Narcotics Task Force, has found a civilian job as a technical writer and is planning to start a t-shirt business. He recently bought a house with his veterans benefits, making certain the outcome of the hearings and trial would not prevent his using them.

Holmes's mother Jan Carson attended the hearing on Saturday. Asked about the pros-

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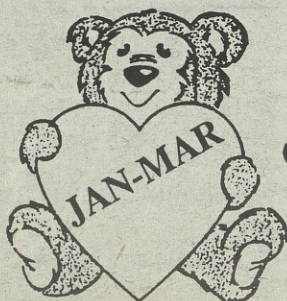
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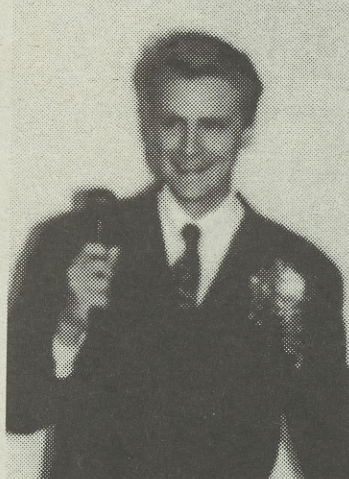
The 1994 Lambda Awards Dinner on June 3, acknowledged Sacramento gay, lesbian and bisexual activists and the many things they do to end homophobia and ignorance.

The ceremonies were directed by Marghe Covino, president of the Lambda Community Center along with media personalities Dan Adams from KXTV, and Brian Goble from KFBK radio.

The Sloan Founders award was presented to Boyce Hinman by Lynn Strawbridge for his work on the Lambda Letters project. The project has sent thousands of letters to legislators regarding gay, lesbian, women's and AIDS issues with the help of community members.

Executive Director of the Lambda Community Center, Joanna Cassesse used the evening as an opportunity to acknowledge the Lambda staff. The "Thick and Thin" award was given to John Rambo, Craig Spatola and Franklin Anderson.

Ted Ross and Dennis Mangers were both recognized for their fundraising efforts in the



John Rambo.

past year. Ross was the organizer of the largest fundraiser for AIDS charities ever in Sacramento, the Barry Manilow concert.

One of the members of the community that was conspicuously missing from the evening's events was Jayne Rountree. Rountree was in the hospital recovering from surgery for cancer. She was honored by

her community at the awards presentation for her work for gay and lesbian issues and for her tireless work in educating women on the risks of breast cancer.

Michael Gorman read a moving poem that he wrote with Rountree in mind. The audience responded with gasps and tears and will probably never think of breast cancer in the same way they did before.

Dr. Elizabeth Harrison was presented with the Fighting Breast Cancer Award. Marghe Covino, a cancer survivor, accepted the award on her behalf and spoke on the need to continue the fight of this disease.

The Building Bridges Award was given to Rev. Ed Sherriff for his work at the Metropolitan Community Church. Rev. Ed established the hot lunch program at the church, which fed hundreds of hungry and homeless people in the Oak Park area of Sacramento.

This year there was a new award added to the evening's list. The Everett Denman Award. Denman was an "in your face" activist who died of AIDS last year. Presenting the award was Denman's partner, Evan Dearfield. Receiving the award

was Luci Galindo and Allison Gude.

The media award was a bit of a surprise when KFBK's Brian Goble came out to the audience and expressed that this was his first public announcement of being an openly gay man.

Terry Sidie, owner of Faces was recognized for his contributions by a Fundraising Award. Sidie has donated thousands of dollars in support of the Center

and other community causes. Also acknowledged for fundraising were Mark Hoffman of Sports Leisure Travel and Mark Whisler.

A giving community of people were acknowledged at the Lambda Awards, June 3. The winners will now take their awards and go forward with a renewed sense of purpose and pride, knowing that they are appreciated and remembered.

## Birthday Bash Brings Cash to CARES



Sue Strong, executive director of the Center for AIDS Research and Education receives a check for \$526 from Paul Becerra and Randy Hiatt. The money was raised at the 3rd Annual Birthday Party for Paul and Randy at the Mercantile Saloon.

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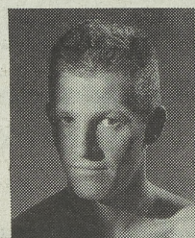


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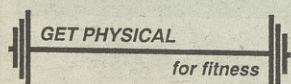
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## Leatherfest 1994

## Goes Where No Man Has Gone Before

by Martin D. Casey

The Sacramento Leather Association (SLA) has put together plans for their most ambitious Leatherfest ever over the weekend of July 15-17th.

This year's leatherfest provides a forum for the diverse members of the leather and SM community to come together, exchange ideas and information, learn from each other in a leather-friendly environment, and have a relaxing, fun weekend.

This year, the SLA has reserved the entire Sierra Inn hotel off Business-80 at Fulton to accommodate the event. Guests can take advantage of over 100 recently remodeled rooms, swimming pool, and nu-

merous seminar rooms. Wheelchair access will be available on a limited basis, and arrangements are being made for ASL signers at most events.

Although most activities will take place onsite, the SLA will be providing a courtesy shuttle during the weekend between the Sierra Inn and Sacramento's leather/levi bar, the Wreck Room, as well as through "Lavender Heights" and Old Sacramento.

Kicking off the weekend will be the Mr. Wreck Room Con-

test at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, July 15th, at the Wreck Room. This event is sponsored and produced by Tigger, Mr. Wreck Room 1993. The SLA courtesy shuttle will run directly between the Sierra Inn and the Wreck Room that evening.

During the morning and afternoon of Saturday, July 16th, The SLA will host a series of seminars and demonstrations at the Sierra Inn. Scheduled topics include Genitorture, Electrical Play, Bondage (basic and advanced), Mummification, Flogging (basic and advanced), and Piercings. In addition, a Leather/SM vendors fair will run throughout the day and a Leather & Erotica fashion show will take place in the later afternoon.

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## While AB2810 Moves to the Senate

# "Willie Brown Show" Provides Forum on Domestic Partners

by Martin D. Casey

**T**he domestic partnership bill, AB 2810 passed the Assembly May 31 and was the featured topic on the "Willie Brown Show" May 26.

The half-hour long broadcast was filled with lively political theater and sound-bite discussions of the issues.

As the longest serving Speaker of the State Assembly, and arguably, the second most powerful elected official in the state, Willie Brown rarely finds himself in a position requiring him to take orders. Yet on the KCRA sound-stage prior to air-time, he was pulled and prompted, interrupted and primed.

As the shine was patted from his forehead, he quipped, "This is my makeup artist - her job is to make me look like Whitney Houston".

The broadcast itself proved considerably more serious. AB 2810 would define "domestic partnerships" and provide for their registration with the Secretary of State. At the time of the show it was awaiting final hearing on the floor of the Assembly before the June 3rd deadline for passage out of its house of origin.

Willie Brown's guests in support of the measure were a lesbian couple, Audrey and Diane, who have been together over

ten years. Speaker Brown asked them why they felt their relationship merited recognition in the ways provided for by AB 2810. Audrey responded that theirs was a loving, long-term

recognition, "family" members could still preempt their agreements.

Speaker Brown's guests in opposition to the measure were the Reverend Layman of a local Baptist congregation, and Assemblymember Ray Haynes. Reverend Layman argued that AB 2810 represented the further regression of American social mores and would ultimately lead to homosexual mar-

## AB 2810 would define "domestic partnerships" and provide for their registration with the Secretary of State.

relationship in which their assets and responsibilities were completely shared, as healthy and committed as any state-sanctioned marriage.

Diane noted that they were both attorneys who had the expertise to draft legal documents to provide for hospital visitation and conservatorship rights, but that many couples, whether gay or lesbian or elderly, had neither this expertise nor the resources to obtain it. And, in the absence of state

riage. Besides, he stated, nothing prevented them from visiting each other in the hospital. Assemblymember Haynes suggested that simple contracts between two people could easily accomplish the same medical access and financial goals without requiring state recognition of the underlying sexual relationship.

Audrey and Diane responded that access in a hospital is usually limited to "immediate family" and that medical decisions



Assemblyman Willie Brown.

are often made by blood relatives over the objections of the domestic partner. It is unfair to require loving partners to draft a series of documents to cover all possible contingencies, they argued. Reverend Layman countered that "this is the price you pay for choosing an alternate lifestyle that's unusual".

Willie Brown then asked panel members how they would define "family". Ray Haynes provided the standard, "related by blood, marriage, or adoption" definition. Then an audience member opined that "You

people (referring to Audrey and Diane) can't be a family because you can't bear children!" Audrey assured the audience that she was quite capable of bearing a child. Speaker Brown glanced at the audience member and quipped, "And unless I'm missing something, brother, you can't bear a child!"

The discussion then moved onto the topic of seniors that shared households. Reverend Layman was maneuvered into a corner when he offered that separate legislation covering only people over 55 years of age would be fine. Audrey jumped in and asked whether that would apply to all seniors. Sensing the implication that any legislation covering people over 55 would implicitly include romantically involved couples, whether gay or straight, the Reverend hesitated. Willie Brown then piped up with, "Careful, I don't often admit this, but that age range would also include me!" Reverend Layman then conceded to Audrey that she had made her point.

As time ran out on the show, an audience member asked the

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# Katie Hirning Takes on Doolittle for U.S. Senate Seat

by Michael R. Gorman

**U**S. Representative John Doolittle of the 4th Congressional District has long been a nemesis to activists in the gay community, the women's rights community, and other socially liberal groups.

Doolittle, an arch-conservative Mormon who often aligns himself with the fundamentalist Christian right, has had little serious opposition for his office in the past two elections. This year may be different.

Enter Katie Hirning. Katie is a socially liberal, pro-choice Democrat whose credentials as a corporate businesswoman have earned her the respect of the business community, as well as the coveted endorsement of the Hewlett-Packard Company.

Unaccustomed to fighting serious opposition, Doolittle found himself scrambling to catch up when Hirning began meetings with the corporate giant. Too little, too late.

According to Hirning, "too little too late" could characterize Doolittle's entire tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives. She says that residents of the district complain often to her about how little Doolittle has delivered to his district. They claim his methods and ideology have been divisive, pit-

ting environmentalists against loggers, conservatives against liberals, businesses against government.

"John Doolittle is a zero tolerance human being," Hirning said. She believes strongly in the new movement in foothill and mountain communities to form cooperative committees to work out conflicts at the local level, similar to what some mountain communities are beginning to do with the logging/preservation conflicts.

"The environmentalist are interested in me. The businesses are interested in me. And they are interested in me because I can be a facilitator. That's what I do. And I can take their results back to Congress."

Hirning has actually demonstrated the success of lower level cooperative management in her business. As executive vice president of New Generation Software, she moved her company in line with international trends by eliminating the bureaucratic middle manage-



Katie Hirning, Democrat 4th Congressional District.

ment and replacing it with teams of employees, empowering them to make management decisions and rewarding them with shares in the subsequent profit growth of the company.

Hirning's business acumen has taken her around the world building business partnerships and teaching management techniques. She says her international experience has given her skills sorely lacking in her opponent. With the high tech growth in her district, she does not believe her constituents can afford a representative with provincial views.

Prior to her position at NGS, Hirning worked as a representative for Health care providers.

She speaks passionately of the need for universal health care based on sound business principles that will keep the

system fiscally sound and serving the needs of the people. She believes the U.S. health care system, for instance, needs to

MCC. Katie was there to celebrate their union. She is open about her support of equal protection and equal rights for gays and lesbians, and is committed to help at the federal level.

"Certainly at the Federal level is where we need to have the civil rights laws," she told *the latest ISSUE*. "And we need to insert the words 'sexual orientation' into all civil rights laws and job laws and military codes. You must pass the laws and then you have to fight; you just have to fight. We have to organize at all levels of government."

At a Planned Parenthood meeting, Michael Shalada stood up and said, "we need to organize the way the extreme right does. If we have someone like Katie Hirning who can get rid of a John Doolittle, we have to organize around that person."

"Believe me, I have not struggled the way a gay or lesbian has struggled within society, but as a woman I had to struggle to get to be a vice president. Not everybody can fight city hall, but we need to support those who can and who want to do the job."

Katie is a member of the Na-

**"We need to insert the words 'sexual orientation' into all civil rights laws and job laws and military codes."**

focus more on preventive medicine rather than waiting until there is a need for the expensive care at the other end.

Another social issue which strikes Hirning close to home is the struggle for gay and lesbian civil rights. Her sister, to whom she is extremely close, recently committed to her lover in a ceremony at the River City

tional Women's Political Caucus and Business and Professional Women. She has a BA in business from California State University, Sacramento and will complete her MBA this year. This is her first run for elected office. Her campaign headquarters can be reached at P.O. Box 1201, Roseville, CA. 95678-8775, or by calling 916-721-8775.

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## Interview With A Sister: The Spirit Of The South

by P.J. Dunker

Recently *the latest ISSUE* had the opportunity to speak with Brenda Henson of Camp Sister Spirit, the feminist educational organization and general assistance food bank that has been in the national spotlight since setting up operations in Ovett, Mississippi, where the religious right wing has waged a vicious and relentless attack against them.

Brenda reported some good news in regard to the right wing's lawsuit against Attorney General, Janet Reno, contending she overstepped her authority when she sent federal mediators to Ovett. "We're really excited because they went to court with their federal law suit against Janet Reno and it was dismissed. They claimed a victory, which was really funny because they were asking for fifty thousand a piece, but as far as I know they had to pay all the court costs. They didn't get any money, and the case was dismissed in a matter of minutes."

She also had good news about the progress of the nuisance lawsuit filed against Camp Sister Spirit by 11 of their neighbors. "They failed to respond to the interrogatories [on time]. Now they have, but they're late and since in civil court the laws are very strict, we're asking for dismissal on that and certainly a bunch of other grounds. We're hopeful the chancery court judge won't give any credence to this ridiculous lawsuit, but we don't know what to expect. You never know in chancery court." Brenda guessed that the earliest possible date for a dismissal might be June 7. If they have to, the Hensons will appeal any unfavorable decision.

It was encouraging to learn that the Hensons have also re-

cently become an affiliate of the North American Alliance of Popular Education, collective of folk schools. Another member is the noted Highlander Center in Tennessee, a famous civil rights folks school. The

ment for the festival a lot of people that attend bring other family members, including children. "One festival year we had eighteen sets of mothers and daughters," Brenda informed the latest *ISSUE*.

Coinciding with the festival this year is the Henson's tenth anniversary together. Brenda enthusiastically reported, "We're going to celebrate our tenth anniversary, which has been announced in the newspaper and everything. I contacted them to see what their policy was and they didn't have any policy against it, so they're going to run a picture and an announcement. It's probably going to be the first time that a lesbian couple has ever run an announcement in the Biloxi Sun Herald. I'm real excited about that, for historical reasons and

for personal ones too. I just called up my mom a while ago and told her to watch for it and make sure she buys up all the copies."

The Hensons were in Sacramento June 6 - 9. With them was another caretaker of the land at Camp Sister Spirit, Pam Firth. "Let me tell you a little about Pam," Brenda elaborated. "She and

Wanda grew up together, like two blocks from each other. Until she found this space and came here she had pretty much exiled herself. There weren't other dykes like her and so she just chose to live up the bayou on a houseboat. Just when she just couldn't live with the isolation anymore, she got our newsletter about the camp and here she came, a little before Christmas. She realized that we really needed her here and she committed to becoming a caretaker. There's some women who committed way before there was ever any trouble and of course they are still here and they are to be commended for staying, but the women who came at the height of this crisis ... they're the real heroes of

"It's not the town. It's the Southern Baptist. It's the religious right. It's the same people that are after you. . ."

this."

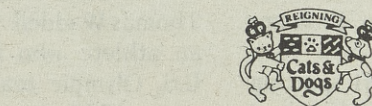
When asked what help the federal government was providing Brenda commented, "Oh they are all over Ovett. From what we've heard I think they've probably questioned everybody that lives in Ovett. I really do

believe that arrests will be forthcoming. I think that once they dig in some pocket books around here and let people know that we do have support and that there are laws to protect us, I think that a lot of the shit

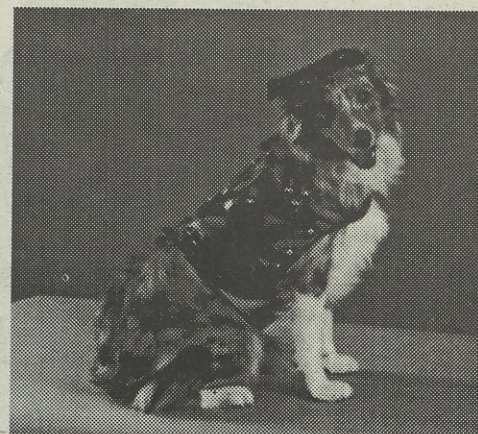
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# Front Page Feature

## Sacramento Athletes Gear Up for Gay Games IV

by Steve Bistransky and Chris Narloch

As many as 15,000 athletes are expected to go for the gold when New York hosts Gay Games IV June 18-26. That's more bodies than the last summer Olympics in 1992, which had 10,500 athletes. Fifty-five of those athletes will be representing Sacramento, and their excitement is running high.

The Games begin on June 18 with elaborate opening ceremonies at the Lawrence A. Wien Stadium. More than 40 countries will be represented in New York with athletes competing in 31 sporting events. There are several hundred planned elements to the cultural Festival.

Sporting events will be occurring all over Manhattan and the outer boroughs. Venues include some fairly well-known facilities, such as the National Tennis Center, where the U.S. Open is played each year, and the Paramount Theater in Madison Square Garden, where finals for the physique competition will be held. Physique competition tickets are the most expensive of the sporting events, with a top price of \$90.

Viewing is free, however, at sev-

leyball, and wrestling.

The founder of the Gay Games was Dr. Thomas Waddell. Waddell was an athlete who made the U.S. Olympic team in the 1968 de-

cathlon and had an overwhelming desire to create an "Olympics"-style competition for the gay and lesbian community. He died of AIDS in 1987 after realizing his dream. (The Gay Games are called the Gay Games and not the Gay Olympics because the United States Olympic Committee was willing to fight a long and costly legal battle to keep them from being called the Gay Olympics.)

The first Gay Games took place in San Francisco in 1982 with 1,800 athletes participating. Gay Games II was also in San Francisco, and the number of people participating nearly doubled to 3,500. The third Gay Games was held in Vancouver, Canada with more than 7,000 men and women vying for gold medals.

Each participant has their own reason for wanting to attend the Gay Games. Some are going for the physical challenge,

"I don't think there are any losers at the Gay Games. We are all winners!"

- Darrell Rice

others for the parties and all hope to win a gold medal. You can count on this: the Big Apple knows how to sweat, and it knows how to throw a party.

Here are four athletes traveling to New York with their own reasons for wanting to win - and with their own definition of what winning means to them. In our July ISSUE we will catch up with them and find out what their experience was like.

### Martha Oyog

Sport: Softball

**Why are you going to the Gay Games?**

The team was first established by Margaret Schubert. When she asked me if I would be interested in going to New York I said yes. I said yes because I am an athlete and I am a member of a softball team representing Sacramento in a positive way at the gay games.

**What is your goal at the Games?**

One of my goals is to win a medal and bring back the Gold for Sacramento. Another is to experience the thrill of the

Games.

**How long have you been in training?**

For a year. We have been training as a team and individually to build our strengths and skills. The team we have now is the best we have ever been.

### Darrell Rice

Sport: Volleyball

**Why are you going to the Gay Games?**

First of all, I have a supportive partner. I have been to Gay Games II in San Francisco and to Gay Games III in Vancouver and now I am ready to go to Gay Games IV in New York City. It is rewarding to represent the community and to compete against other athletes. I also hope to make friends. It is a very positive atmosphere. Because it is so inclusive, anyone can compete. That probably allows my team to go.

**What is your goal in going to the Games?**

I want the team to play to the best of their abilities. I think we have a good chance to win medals. I'd like to bring home a medal. However, if we don't win a medal I won't be disappointed.

**How long have you been in training?**

I have been training since the last games.

**What if you lose?**

I don't think we are going to lose. We have already won just by going. I don't





"It is an event that elicits such a powerful feeling of unity."

- Theresa Muth



think there are any losers at the Gay Games. We are all winners!

Do you think the rest of Team Sacramento are ready for the Games?

Yes. The Board of SAGA (Sacramento Arts and Games Association) has really done a great job getting everybody ready for the Games. People are helping each other and everyone is jazzed about getting their new uniforms.

## Theresa Muth

Sport: Swimming

Why are you going to the Gay Games?

This will be my third time competing at the games. When I finished in '90 in Vancouver I just knew I would be back to swim again. I enjoy the competition and the camaraderie. It is an event that elicits such a powerful feeling of unity.

What is your goal at the Games?

My goal is to swim the best I possibly can. I look forward to meeting new people and having a great time.

How long have you been in training?

I have trained for five months

"The spirit of the Olympiad is to participate, to take part."

-Paul Young

four to five days a week. That probably is not enough but I feel I am in pretty good shape.

Sacramento's swim team made quite a name for itself at the Gay Games in Vancouver in 1990, how do you think the team will fare with all the competition in New York?

I think we are in a great position to win some medals again this year, but the most important thing is to be there and be a part of it.

## Paul Young

Sport: Swimming

Why are you going to the Gay Games?

I am going to the games to participate with other gay athletes in a major celebration. In addition, I also went to Vancouver in 1990 and that was an incredible experience.

What is your goal at the games?

My goal is to participate in the games and to have fun with other athletes: to experience the camaraderie of the Gay Games.

How long have you been in training?

I have been in training off and on for the last four years.

What is the most important thing about the Gay Games?

There are no losers in the Gay Games. The Olympic ideal is to join in with the athletes of other countries. The spirit of the olympiad is

to participate, to take part. Everyone is a winner.

What is your favorite thing about the Games?

Everyone comes together at the opening ceremonies -- the energy is fabulous!

People from other countries are friendly and the sense of pride you feel representing your community is great. I am especially looking forward to participating in the Stonewall March on the U.N. It's going to be the orgasm after the foreplay.

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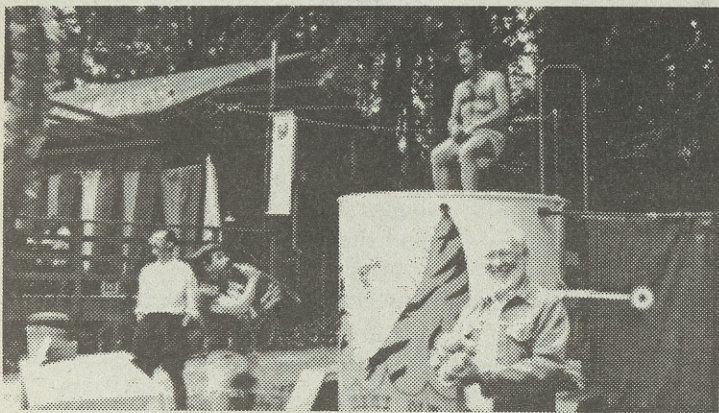
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The Russian River kicked-off Gay Pride Month with a week of celebration. The \$1.98 Beauty Pageant at Molly Brown's Saloon began the week's festivities which was followed by a Murder Mystery through the shops in Guerneville. The grand finale for the week was the day-long festival in Fife's meadows on June 5.

The Gay Pride Festival in Fife's, began with the flying of colors. Bright rainbow flags were walked through the meadow accompanied by the American flag and a prayer remembering those we have lost. The somber moment was maintained as a bag pipeist, entered the meadow and played "Amazing Grace."

The rest of the day was indicative of what you'd expect from a Gay Pride Fair, great dance music from the past blar-



David Shafer does his part for Pride Fest and GLBA.

ing over a sound system. Well dressed gay men in sunglasses looking fabulous while the lesbian couples cuddled and cooed.

There were approximately 20 booths, most carrying t-shirts and jewelry. The booths were perused by vacationers and locals alike.

One of the highlights of the day was the dunk tank pre-



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Women and men lounge in the grass in Fife's meadow while they watch the people go by. The weather for the day fluctuated between clouds and sun and clothing options varied from nearly nothing to pants and jackets.

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Chris Sloan contemplates his turn in the dunk tank.





The dunk tank was a crowd pleaser. The audience applauds as Chris Sloan is dunked.

sented by the Gay and Lesbian Business Association. The masters of ceremonies of the dunk tank was Alan Ferreira and Larry. After 4 hours of dunking local celebrities they raised \$837 to benefit the Pride Festival Committee and GLBA.

The highest bidder was Fife's owner David Cole who paid \$500

to see his partner, David Shafer go down in the icy water.

Ed Murray of Rainbow Flowers, climbed onto the dunk tank seat in his Esther Williams drag and was quickly dunked -- even his purple hair.

Geri Kisler, bartender from Fifes brought in the second most money for the charities,

bringing in nearly \$150 in donations.

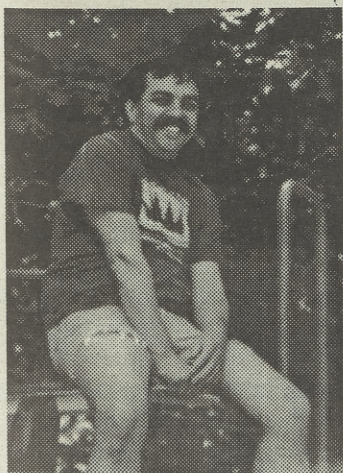
The \$1.98 Beauty Pageant had no contestants this year so last year's winner, Shenegra, held onto the title and greeted the community at the Pride Fest. Her entrance theme was "Sara Lee." (Because nobody doesn't like Sara Lee -- especially Shenegra).

Entertainer Raven Hanna brought a Stonewall psychotherapy session to Fife's meadow. "As gays and lesbians we have a lot of anger and we must get rid of it," Hanna said. He managed to bring the audience into his act by supplying some props, a rubber band and a lavender balloon.

"You must blow all of your anger and fears into this balloon." Balloons exploded people laughed and soon all the fears were gone. And with the balloons, the day floated by with a playfulness and freedom that can only be felt at a gay pride fair.



Raven Hanna is frantic with the desire to help gays and lesbians free themselves from anger and fear.



Alan Ferreira takes his turn in the dunk tank. The money raised from the tank goes to benefit the Pride Festival Committee and the Gay and Lesbian Business Association.

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# It's Time to Head for The Highlands

by P.J. Dunker

**N**estled amongst redwoods, sitting atop a hill above the Russian River's floodplain, the Highlands Resort's carved wooden entrance sign belies the extent of recreational rejuvenation that awaits its guests.

The Highlands Resort offers a quiet, semi-secluded environment, while still having the convenience of being within easy walking distance of restaurants, stores, bars, and even the area's namesake river.

Constituting close to four acres, the Highlands' grounds are carefully designed to incorporate the natural beauty of the land it sits on. Clumps of tall, stately redwoods tower above cabins and campsites alike while thickets of wild blackberry bushes guard the perimeters, giving the resort the

functional illusion of being an isolated retreat deep within a sprawling forest. Also lending to this illusion is the quiet, one of the Highlands' big attractions. Boom boxes don't blare and compete with each other in a loud cacophony of noise; instead, laughter and friendly conversations sprinkled with bird song and the sublime whisper of the redwoods soothe the ears.

But that's not to say the Highlands doesn't offer entertainment. A large pool attracts not just the guests but day use visi-



Gumby and friends having a great time at the Highlands

tors as well. "They'll [San Franciscans] call, 'what's the weather like up north,' and it's usually sunny here and foggy

ing is optional poolside, making for the best tans in town, or out of town for that matter. Other attractions include a masseuse on duty on weekends and by referral weekdays, a large mahogany hot tub, a lounge area, a popular picnic and barbecue area, and continental breakfasts on holiday weekends.

Owners Don Smith and Gerry Fell have run the Highlands Resort, which has been around for about fifty years, for the last six years, and most likely for many to come if one can judge by their abiding 20 years together as a couple. Don and Gerry are the most accommodating and warm hosts one could wish for.

Although operated and populated by predominantly gay men, everyone is welcome. In fact, there seems to be an uncanny bonding that forms between all the people who stay at the Highlands. You're likely to find your-

self engaged in conversation with someone you've just met on a level that gives the appearance that you're old friends.

There are no visible striations between people of different ages, colors, or sexes at the Highlands. "We have a lot of women. We have a lot of regulars. There are a lot of people who come up here that just want to get away from the stress of the city, and the noise of the city, and whatever. I have people that occasionally come to me and say, 'I hear a radio playing somewhere, could you please have somebody turn it down.'



Cabins are nestled among the redwoods.

That's what they want and that's the difference," Don explained when asked about the clientele that comes to the Highlands.

Groups are also welcome to make reservations for special functions. "In June we have the San Francisco G.T.I. coming up, and they're taking over the whole place. They're having a drag show here," Don said. "We had two girls who got married here two years ago. They had the whole set up," Gerry added, noting the variety of people who have rented the entire resort. Groups that are interested in renting the resort should call to make arrangements no later than two or three months prior to the date they're interested in reserving.

If this sounds like the kind of holiday getaway you've been looking for then you should call and make your reservation at the Highlands Resort; but be forewarned, you're likely to get hooked because the Highlands Resort definitely speaks best when it speaks for itself.



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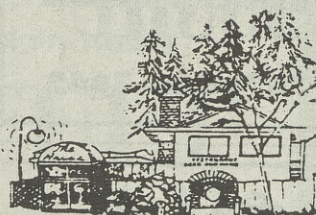


Don Smith and Gerry Fell, owners of the Highlands Resort.

there, so they figure for ten dollars I'll go up and spend the day," Gerry Fell explained about the typical day use guest.

As an added pull to the already enticing environs, cloth-

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Talking it Over -

# Pride, Purpose, and Accomplishment

by Kay Mehl Miller, Ph.D.

June is the month of Pride celebrations. This year, a particular focus is on weddings in the gay community.

In Sonoma County a wedding ceremony at the Pride Parade/Celebration is an open expression of civil rights for the lesbian, gay and bisexual community. In Hawaii, hopes are high for a court ruling that will make discrimination against same sex marriages unconstitutional. Across the nation Pride parades and celebrations declare unity and commitment to being recognized and treated as individuals with basic human and legal rights.

Pride is expressed in many ways in the lesbian/gay/bisexual community. Whether triumphant or painful, the act of coming out to one's self, to one's friends and family, to one's employer, and to one's community is the basic expression of pride.

Moving into the social sphere, claiming one's sexuality, sensuality, thoughts, opinions, and actions is another expression of pride. Just plain not having to lie anymore defines the self and stirs up pride in one's whole self and lifestyle.

Finally, commitment to change is the ultimate expression of pride. One risks reputation, career or job, financial security and connection to significant others in saying "yes" to visible support of the community.

These considerable assets are risked by those valiant souls who commit to one another in a public wedding and vows-renewal ceremony under the California oaks of Santa Rosa Junior College. As in heterosexual marriage, it is the community that rallies around and supports these individuals who express pride for us all in so openly declaring exactly who they are.

Facing similar risk are those courageous folks who face the legal system in Hawaii and have already won a ruling from the State Supreme Court that the state must prove a compelling interest in banning same-sex marriage. These individuals are flesh and blood people, not just names in news stories. They said we have a right to marry, and if you, the state, say "no,"

we'll take our case to a higher power. And they did. So far, they've won. Again, it is the community who stands behind these people in Hawaii, and it is the community across the na-

Celebration/Wedding Ceremony in Sonoma County supports efforts to gain civil rights for all. Success in Hawaii's Equal Rights Marriage Project is the beginning of equal status for all

rights as other human beings, other benefits concerning health, property, child custody, finances, and property accrue, so this commitment promises rewards for all, not just to those who wish to marry simply for love.

If you, personally, are not ready to marry or renew vows, what can your commitment be? Be there. March in the parade. Join the celebration. Buy and wear a Pride t-shirt. Pitch in with your presence, your money, and your physical help. All movement in concert expresses your pride in yourself, your community, and in your belief in who we are. Be a part of the community for the individuals who explicitly put themselves on the line so that all may be

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In Sonoma County a wedding ceremony at the Pride Celebration is an open expression of civil rights for the lesbian, gay and bisexual community.

tion that needs to support this cause and this particular community.

A successful Pride Parade/

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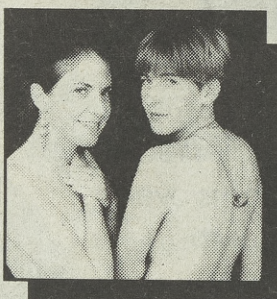
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### JUNE 10

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**"Pride Concert"** - presented by The Sacramento Men's Chorus. Starts at 8 p.m. at Sacramento City College Theater, 3835 Freeport Blvd.. All tickets \$5 available at the Gifted Gardner. Call 444-5213.

### JUNE 11

**Lambda Freedom Fair** - to be held at Capitol Park on the state capitol grounds. Starts at 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the West Steps. Call John Rambo at (916) 442-0185.

**Midtown Fair & Doo Dah Parade.** Capitol Avenue between 18th and 25th Streets. Parade begins at 10 a.m., Fair continues throughout the day til 7 p.m.

**Second Saturday Openings** - including a presentation at Archival Framing: "New Orchards: Landscapes by Craig N. Smith."

### JUNE 12

**Sacramento AIDS Walk**, beginning at the West steps of the Capitol at 11 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Call (916) 448-2483.

**Arlo Guthrie** in Concert at the Crest Theater, 1013 K Street. 7:30 p.m. showtime. Tickets are \$18 advance, \$20 at the door.



### JUNE 19

**Father's Day**

### JUNE 21

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** - will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, Sacramento. Dr. Will Green M.D. will facilitate a RAP session. Call 916-722-0327.

### JUNE 22

**Where Are We?** a "90s road movie" with a twist. Airst on channel 6 (PBS) at 10:30 p.m.

### JUNE 28

**AIDS Interfaith Network** meets at 6 p.m. for a potluck dinner followed by general meeting. Trinity Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Avenue. All PWA's and persons interested in networking around AIDS are welcome. Call 393-5367.

### JUNE 29

**"Coming Out Under Fire:** The history of Gay Men and Women in World War II, will be held on a four day run at The Crest Theatre. The film will open Wednesday June 29 and run through Saturday July 2. For more show info call 916-44-CREST.

### JULY 1

**"Sisters in Satire"** - Lavender Underground presents an

evening of comedy starring L.A.'s Lynda Montgomery, Bay area Susie Burger, Karen Ripley and Shan Carr who will M.C. Show begins at 8 p.m. at 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St, Sacramento. Tickets are \$10.50 in advance and \$12.50 at the door. Call (916) 725-5512.

**Tattooed Love Dogs & the Beer Dawgs** are the featured entertainment at one of the Summer Sammies Concerts, 5:30 p.m. in Plaza Park.

## PLAN IT IN ADVANCE

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## JULY 3

Jomanda performs at midnight at Faces, 2000 K Street for the Big July 4th Celebration Weekend.

## JULY 6

Open Mic at Hot Java Jazz - starts at 8 p.m. Hosted by Kelly Conway of Lavender Underground Productions. Singers, songwriters, poets, comics, all levels of experience. Lesbian Visibility needed! Call 725-5512.

## JULY 8

Dutch Falconi & His Twisted Orchestra are the featured band at this Summer Sammies Concert in Plaza Park, 5:30 p.m.

## JULY 15

Leatherfest - The Sacramento Leather Association's fifth anniversary celebration July 15-17. Events begin Friday at the Mr.

## JULY 22

The Luminators and Glenn Lane & Soul of the Blues at this Summer Sammies Concert in Plaza Park, 5:30 p.m.



Wreck Room. On Saturday, there will be seminars, demonstrations and a vendors' fair during the day at the Sierra Inn. Contests will begin in the evening. Call SLA at (916) 863-3398.

Caron Vikre and Papa's Culture are featured at this Summer Sammies Concert in Plaza Park, 5:30 p.m.

# RUSSIAN RIVER AND SONOMA COUNTY

## JUNE 10

Welcome Party at the Russian River Resort. Kick-off party of the Mr. Russian River Bear Weekend. 7 p.m. 4th & Mill Streets, Guerneville.

## JUNE 11

Mr. Russian River Bear 94 Contest 1 p.m. at the Russian River Resort.

## JUNE 12

Sonoma County Pride Parade and Celebration. Events begin with Parade down Medocino Ave. in Santa Rosa 11 a.m., to SR Junior College. Festival begins at College with "The Wedding" at 1 p.m. Call (707) 795-8548 for more info.

Farewell Party for Mr. Russian River Bear at the Russian River Resort, 4th & Mill Streets, Guerneville.

## JUNE 18

Theresa Chandler...Live at Clairlight, Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa (707) 575-8879.

RAM Potluck and Social, (River Association of Men) at the Guerneville Odd Fellows Hall 7 - 10 p.m. (707) 544-1581.

## JUNE 26

Stonewall on the River, canoe trip from Forestville to Fifes with BBQ and open bar. Call for reservations. Tim (707) 795-8587.

## JULY 3

Miss "Thang" Contest at the Russian River Resort -- poolside, 4th and Mill Streets Guerneville. Call (800) 804-4RRR for more details.

## JULY 13

Gay and Lesbian Business Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the GLBA office 16201 First Street, Guerneville. Call (707) 869-GLBA for more info.

## JULY 16

Chili Cook Off at the Russian River Resort, 4th and Mill Streets, Guerneville. Call (800) 804-4RRR for more details.

# SAN FRANCISCO - BAY AREA

## JUNE 10

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Hush Up, Sweet Charlotte, at the Victoria Theater, 2961 16th Street. San Francisco. Thurs. - Sat. 8 p.m. Call for tickets, 510-762-BASS.

## JUNE 15

Marga Gomez opens her new show "A Line Around the Block", or "My Art Belongs to Daddy" at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, 3583 16th at Market. 8 p.m., \$10 - \$12.

## JUNE 18

1994 San Francisco Dyke March Rally - March begins at 7 p.m. The festivities begin after the Dyke March at 9:30 p.m. and the stage and DJ booth will be at Market and Castro. Call (415) 789-8012.

Gay Pride Saturday for Women at the G-Spot, Located at the Endup, 6th and Harrison Streets. With special guests Fem 2 Fem. Contact the Girl Spot hotline at (415) 337-4962.

Puttin' on the Ritz, produced by the Bay Area Career Women at the Gift Center Pavillion. \$50 at the door. (415) 495-5393.

Colors Celebrates Stonewall 25 at Olive Oils, call (415) 552-7087.

## JUNE 19

1994 San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration -Parade

begins at 11 a.m. from the Civic Center Plaza and proceeds down Market to Main Street. Armistead Maupin will be the Grand Marshal for the Parade. The post-parade celebration will be from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Call (415) 864-3733.

After Gay Pride Party for Women presented by Club Skirts and Out Magazine, doors open at 6 p.m. Club Touche', 300 DeHaro Street at 16th. Call (415) 337-4962.

## JUNE 22

Where Are We? Our trip through America, a "90s road movie" with a twist. Aired at 10:30 p.m. on PBS.

## JULY 17

AIDS Walk San Francisco - The ten kilometer (6.2) mile walkathon begins and ends at Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park. Arrive at 9:30 a.m. Call (415) 392-WALK.

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# Entertainment

## Disappear Fear Makes Music From The Heart

by Joyce Bezazian

**W**ith this, their fourth album release, The Frank sisters have again proved themselves worthy of their loyal, enthusiastic cross-section of fans.

A good portion of Disappear Fear's listeners are comprised of the lesbian and gay community, due largely to the talent and sensibilities of lead singer/songwriter/guitarist, and proud lesbian Sonia Frank.

Frank is a young and a dynamic performer, and the intensity and earnestness in her vocals translate well in this new

album. All songs are written by Sonia except one, an excellent updated cover of Phil Ochs' 60's anthem, "Is There Anybody Here?" Sister Cindy as always provides excellent harmonies, and this recording also includes back-up vocalists the likes of Janis Ian and The Indigo Girls.

What makes Sonia's lyrics so powerful and accessible is that

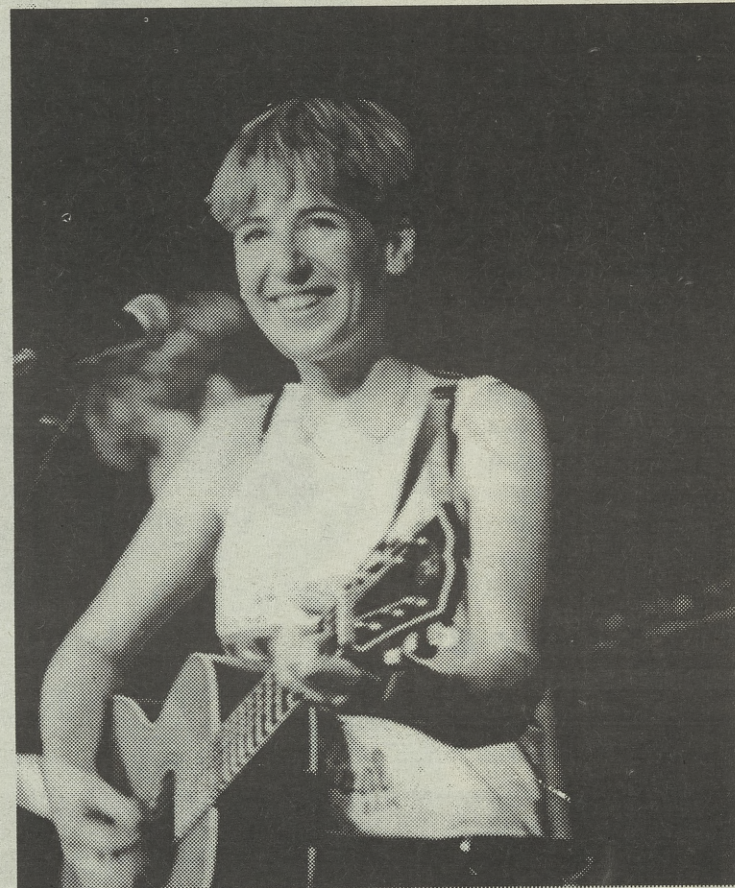
she speaks in the first person. Although her musical topics span the usual lesbian fare of love and politics, her storytelling

**She presents a slice of life, without telling you how you're supposed to feel.**

voice is not simply that of observer, but of the participant. This is what makes her music personal, moving, and therefore truly "art".

"Who's So Scared" avoids heavy-handedness when addressing the topics of racism and homophobia because of the personal, specific images Sonia paints. Not that the experience of racism itself is from her personal experience (the song was inspired by a poem by Countee Cullen), but that it is presented as such. Sonia presents a slice of life, without telling you how you're supposed to feel. Similar palatable politics are served up in "Washington Work Song," and "Fix My Life," which addresses the AIDS crisis.

Armed with a six piece band



Joyce Bezazian

Sonia Frank of Disappear Fear performed last year at the Palms.

and diversity of musical styles, the new Disappear Fear album provides nourishing food for the ears as well as the mind and heart. The most noteworthy tracks include rock and roll tunes "Moment of Glory" and "Kiss the World," the romantic ballad "Be The One," and the reggae beat of "Play the Music." If one had to categorize the genre of this band, it would be

"Pop/folk." Overall, though, it is just darn good music. Be sure to catch their high-energy live performance if you can. Disappear Fear will be performing July 1st at the High Sierra Festival in Sonoma, and at The Freight and Salvage in Berkeley on July 2nd. They will also be among the performer's in September's West Coast Women's Festival.

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# "Angels In America" - A Modern Masterpiece

by Chris Narloch

I'll get right to the point - "Angels In America", currently on Broadway, is the best gay play ever written. What's more, Tony Kushner's Tony award-winning epic, in two parts, is one of the best American plays of any kind ever written.

## Millennium Approaches

Don't let the heavy-sounding title scare you off because the first part of "Angels In America" contains some of the flat-out funniest observations about contemporary gay society (and society in general) as you'll find

The play is about how we affect other people's lives in ways we can never know.

anywhere.

That it also deals in depth with AIDS and the prospect that the world, as one character puts it, "is spinning out of control" is what makes the play great. The author mixes elements of comedy, drama, fantasy and tragedy so effortlessly that the play keeps transforming itself before our eyes.

The story begins in late 1985 in New York with the positive diagnosis of a young, gay man, Prior Walter (Stephen Spinella), an event that will take him (and the audience) on a journey through heaven and hell. Prior's disease and his quest for peace of mind bring him into contact with an incredible cast of characters, whose stories intertwine with his own. The play is ultimately about how bound together we all are and how we affect other people's lives in ways we can never know.

When Prior's lover, Louis (Joe Mantello), cannot face his partner's prognosis and leaves

him for a married man, it sets off a chain of events that keeps spiraling out until, finally, the fate of the world is at stake. I won't describe how that happens (I couldn't if I tried) because much of the play's beauty is in its mystery. But if it sounds pretentious, let me assure you, it never is for a moment.

Prior's "ex", Lou, introduces us to Joe and Harper Pitt (David Marshall Grant and Cynthia Nixon), a Mormon couple in denial about the husband's homosexuality. When the wayward husband leaves his wife for Lou, the wife bonds with our hero, Prior, left to fight his disease alone. The two spurned lovers escape as best they can - Harper into her Valium bottle and Prior into fevered visitations with a guardian angel.



Ellen McLaughlin (the Angel) and Stephen Spinella (Prior Walter) in Tony Kushner's Angels in America.

Also on board are Prior's swishy best friend, Belize (the hysterically arrogant Jeffrey Wright) and the most vivid character in the play, Roy Cohn

(played to grotesque perfection by F. Murray Abraham, of "Amadeus" fame.) The character of Cohn, in real life a closeted gay man who died of AIDS,

adds surrealism to an already fantastic cast of fictional characters.

The climax of "Millennium Approaches" contains one of the most amazing verbal show-downs I can recall, with two different couples breaking up before our eyes on different parts of the stage simultaneously. I have never seen so much saliva fly as when these four spit venom at each other and then go their separate ways. It's one of those great moments in the theater when you hold your breath because you've been there and you know it's real.

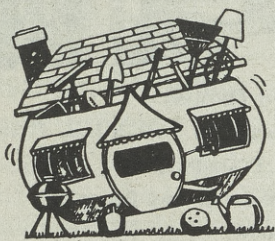
## Perestroika

Again, don't be put off by the imposing title of part 2. Yes, "Angels" is about politics, sexual and otherwise - in fact, it works on many levels at the same time. "Perestroika" takes the same characters, and actors, from "Millennium" and picks up where we left off, developing their story even further. (The play is sold as two separate entities, each a little over three hours, which you can see on the same day or on different days.)

When we meet up with Prior again he has become an unwilling prophet, pressed into

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# Movies

## Gays In The Military Plus Other Queer Documentaries

by Chris Narloch

If you're burnt out on sorry-ass sequels and kiddie-crap cartoons, don't give up on summer movies just yet. Several absorbing documentaries are coming our way ready to heat up t.v. and movie screens.

### Coming Out Under Fire

This superb documentary, by San Franciscan filmmaker Arthur Dong, drops the bomb on the rampant homophobia and



"Carmen Miranda" number from U.S. Army show: "Contact Caravan" from "Coming Out Under Fire."

persecution that existed in the military during World War II. Interviews with former service people, now in their 70's, show how patriotic men and women

were systematically ferreted out and sent to mental institutions, "queer stockades" or given dishonorable discharges.

Utilizing archival footage from the military and moving first-person accounts, the film sheds insight on the way government policy forced gays who had been drafted to lie about their orientation and lead double lives. Military witch hunts were commonly used to target effeminate men and masculine women, whether or not they were actually gay, and the victims were routinely subjected to medical exams or grueling psychiatric evaluations, then labeled criminals, psychopaths and perverts.

We also learn that until they

were purged, gays were an undeniable part of the war effort. Men often dressed in drag to entertain troops and used an underground newsletter, called the Myrtle Beach Bitch, to help gays find each other. Wartime romances sprang up, made all the more acute and dangerous because they were forbidden.

Former WAVE machinist Sarah Davis speaks emotionally of being hounded by a witch hunt and of losing her lover during the war. "I liked the military life," she says, "... but it was not all right to fall in love with a woman ... (the military) broke my spirit really." Another serviceman recounts how he was stripped of his uniform and sent packing with \$40 to his name.

"Coming Out Under Fire" is a painful yet rewarding reminder of the history of hatred the U.S. military has shown for gays. You won't soon forget the incredible faces of these survivors, men and women whose careers were cut short by "dishonor". Their optimistic military photos, showing young people eager to serve their country, are haunting. Shows June 29 through July 2 at the Crest.

### One Nation Under God

Just out on home video, this documentary takes viewers into the strange world of ex-gay ministries where homosexuals are "deprogrammed" through "conversion" therapies. Imag-

ine: beauty makeovers for butch lesbians; tackle football for gay men; and something called "electroshock orgasmic reorientation".

"One Nation Under God" looks at the bizarre and often terrifying methods that have been used for decades to "cure" gays and lesbians of their homosexuality. The focus is on two men, former leaders of one of the biggest ex-gay ministries, who fell in love while trying to "straighten" out gays. Funny stuff.

### Sex Is . . .

Another excellent new video release, "Sex Is . . ." won the Audience Award for Best Gay Film at the 1993 Berlin International Film Festival. It's a penetrating exploration of the role sexuality plays in the lives of 15 gay men, ages 19-73. From church pastor to porn star, the interviews offer deeply personal testimonies of gay life in America.

A range of issues are discussed including childhood remembrances, sexual awakenings, relationships and the effect of AIDS. Contains rare archival footage, lots of humor and brief flashes of eroticism.

### Where Are We? Our Trip Through America

This latest effort by Academy Award winners Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman, who did "Common Threads: Stories From The Quilt" for HBO, is a 90's road movie with a twist. Epstein and Friedman take a backroads tour of America from San Francisco to the Deep South, stopping along the way to meet a crazy-quilt cast of characters.

Showcasing people of various ages, ethnicities and sexual persuasions, "Where Are We?" is an eclectic tribute to chance encounters of strangers. They reflect on their lives and share their dreams and aspirations. The highlight is a visit to a bar across the street from a military base, a bar officially off-limits to the military and unofficially home to a lively bunch of gay and lesbian marines. Airs June 22 on PBS.

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# Music

## Mixin'it Up With Lena Horne and the Beastie Boys

by Bill Peterson

**C**lassy and ageless are words that describe both the legendary Lena Horne and her music.

Now, at the ripe age of 76, Horne returns with yet another smooth set of tunes, written by the likes of Duke Ellington, Stephen Sondheim and Billy Strayhorn.

"We'll Be Together Again" serves as testament to Horne's stylistic prowess—from the opening sass of "Maybe" through the limpid sensuality of "Prelude to A Kiss," Horne sashays effortlessly through the songs. Now

Like This Can't Last" would fit in at the tail-end of a Jerry Lewis Telethon, and the latin "Day follows Day" (with Johnny Mathis) should accompany Mario & Yoshi on a Nintendo journey.

Horne has chosen to avoid the tired chestnuts in favor of more obscure and telling tales with the recurring theme being of resiliency—defying drug addiction, the loss of a friend to AIDS and the ups & downs of friendship. Horne says of "I'll Always Leave the Door a Little Open," "this reaffirms the message of hope in the face of disappointment."

"We'll Be Together Again" shows Lena Horne, at 76, is still a strong and enigmatic vocalist.

### "Ill Communication" -- The Beastie Boys

Classy and ageless also describe Hip-hop's premiere white boys...yeah right! The antithesis of those two adjectives, the



Lena Horne.

and then, the arrangements don't match up to Horne's vocals—the fusion-tinged "Love

## 50 words or less:

### From Monday to Sunday Nick Heyward

Remember Haircut One Hundred from the early 80's? Well, frontman Heyward releases the latest in his string of simply catchy discs. Despite the sunny tone, Heyward injects some irony and insight worthy of Elvis Costello, to concoct something with a bit more fiber than your average ear candy.

### Beautiful Experience Prince

The little guy's early spring convertible classic "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World" is here presented in 7 different

versions, each just changed enough to justify its title ("Flute stramental", "Staxowax"). A maxi-single for the price of an album? Hmm—this is beautiful?

### Anytime, Anyplace Janet Jackson

A year into "janet," and they just don't stop... This is a CD maxi-single worth its six bucks—three mixes of the slow-moan track, track, the fast moan dance "Throb" and a new summertime throwaway that samples Sly & The Family Stone's "Family Affair". Hot fun in the summertime, indeed!



The Beastie Boys - MCA, Mike D. and Ad-Rock -- Funkay with a capital F.

Beastie's latest after 92's "Check Your Head" continues the Beastie tradition of messy megaphone raps over backing tracks that range from bebop jazz with feedback—drenched guitar through pure punk rave-ups like "Tough Guy," with some jazzy instrumentals tossed in sporadically.

If all you know of Ad-Rock, Mike D and MCA is "You've Gotta Fight For Your Right To

Party", well, you're in for a surprise! While there's plenty of standard rap swagger, the Beasties trash it up with (gasp!) sensitivity ("I want to say a little something that's long overdue/The disrespect to women has got to be through") and a sly pop culture roll call—"...both of them is boney/Got to do it like this like Chachi & Joanie/Because she's the cheese and I'm the macaroni."

If you're having a bad day at that McJob where you're underpaid and even less appreciated, the opening "Sure Shot" or the Superfly-on-speed "Sabotage" will get your blood pumping hard enough to drown out your boss' whining.

Unlike last month's Vanilla Ice "comeback," "Ill Communication" shows the pasty-faced Beastie's to be funkay with a capital F.



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# Zodiacscope

## Astrological Forecast For Mid-June Through Mid-July

by C. Lichtenstein

**I**t is hard to believe that this month marks the 25th anniversary of Gay Liberation. Gay Games IV and the Stonewall 25 celebration are upon us. From an astrological perspective, all planetary systems bode well.

Mars in Taurus displays a strong and steady energy which is on track and not to be pushed aside. The Sun in Gemini until the 22nd of the month enlivens communication with a quick and intellectual energy. The Sun in Cancer at the end of the month gives us a deep emotional connection and sense of family. Only Mercury in Cancer warns us of going overboard in our emotions. But then, what the heck, it's our anniversary.

### Aries

(MARCH 21-APRIL 20)

Concentrate all your efforts on the bottom line and go for it! Investments and financial matters will benefit greatly from your attention and action. Do not listen to the advice of so called "advisors," however. You have to go with your own, careful, calculated, best judgment. Others may not be there to truly help



you. They may have some ulterior motives.

### Taurus

(APRIL 21-MAY 21)

This month brings a certain zest to your life with a get up and go feeling. Fortuitous opportunities are created through new people and first impressions, so get out and mingle, mingle! Keep in mind though, that thoughts may not be totally on target and you may blurt out an opinion or two that may have an unintended effect. Think very carefully before you speak. Loose lips, you know.



### Gemini

(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Listen and follow your inner voice and see where it leads. Volunteer for a worthy cause, such as the June celebrations, because your actions will have

tremendous impact now. It is best not to invest in the financial markets now - the information you are receiving from likely investments are either not accurate or subject to drastic change. Keep it in the bank for now.



### Cancer

(JUNE 22-JULY 23)

Sweet natured Cancers go out of their way this month to help friends and acquaintances or even get involved in our greater community efforts. Don't allow naysayers to discourage you in your quest for sainthood. Your efforts are on track and you can accomplish some terrific things now. No one can rain on your parade unless you allow them to.



### Leo

(JULY 24-AUGUST 23)

Someone (or something) has energized your career as professional opportunities continue apace! Intuition, though, may hit some snags so do not listen to that little voice goading you on to greater risks. Good old clear



thinking, hard work and conservative steps will get the job done and the gains solidified. Beauty and greater glory comes later.

### Virgo

(AUGUST 24-SEPT. 23)

You have an urge to get up and go. Vacation plans are sparked and your bags are packed! Go with your own wisdom and don't listen to the advice of friends in their problems. Communications run amok here. Sit this one out, dear.



### Libra

(SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

If a fire is lit under you, it is the fire of passion. Sex and its intimate bond becomes a true reason for being. (Is there ever any other reason?) Pace yourself accordingly and be prepared for snags on the work/career front. You continue to be unmotivated, blocked by problems beyond your control or unable to properly communicate your abilities and talents.



### Scorpio

(OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Partnerships take on a greater importance this month. You are tired of traveling the path alone. Remember that commitment is the key. Relationships need nurturing involvement in order to thrive. Are you interested in putting in the necessary time and effort to make things work out? This month gives you the green light to make changes.



### Sagittarius

(NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

More and more time, energy and effort is spent on the job. Nit picky tasks have an uncanny way of piling up. Thankfully, you have the necessary energy

and where-withal to do what needs to be done. Continue to develop your more intuitive powers. Your "thoughts" can transform events into true opportunities for good luck and service to others.



### Capricorn

(DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Party hearty is the keynote activity of the month. You can increase your opportunity to meet new and exciting people in June. Don't be afraid to get right in the center of the fun. New acquaintances lead to lucky new friendships - friendships that can transform your life and help you gain greater self confidence.



### Aquarius

(JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

More energy will be spent on close-to-home activities and projects. Convivial company and home cooked dinners are just what is needed to chase away worries about money and financial security issues. Thankfully, your career is on course. Keep working hard and you will see the monetary benefit soon enough.



### Pisces

(FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

You continue to have poor self image which is the main reason why you continue to imagine slights from friends and acquaintances. Don't bite back, but say what is needed in careful, calculated language with just the right emphasis. Don't allow yourself to be pushed around, but don't let your emotions rule. Balance is everything.



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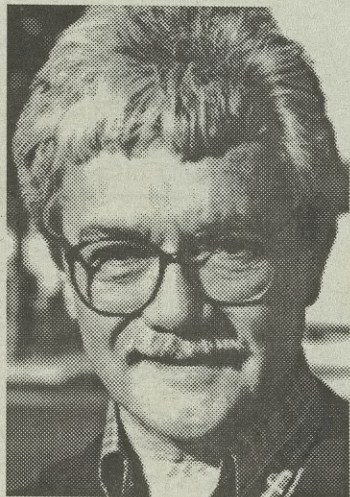
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## Where Were You During the Stonewall Rebellion - June 28, 1969?



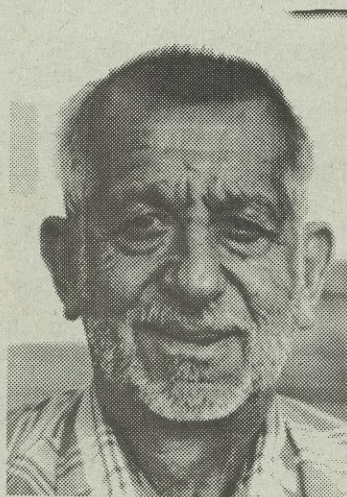
**Rob Thorbin**

"I was there (at the Stonewall Inn) two weeks before it happened. Gay bars and man to man dancing were illegal. There was a dire need for change."



**Bobette Hoyos**

"In 69 I was a waiter here in Sacramento."



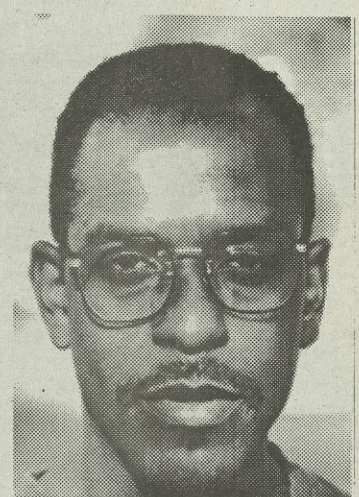
**Johnny Stenko**

"I was working here as a baker at the county hospital."



**Ernie Brown**

"I was in Europe for six months -- in fact everyone in Europe rejoiced about it."



**Guy Madison**

"I was actually reading about it in Time magazine. I kept the article -- reading about the riots helped me to come out."

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# Commentary

## The Kangaroo Court Leaps Into Infamy

by Michael R. Gorman

President Clinton was waving to crowds at McClellan Air Force Base. One of the other reporters in the stark room at the California National Guard headquarters on the other side of Sacramento complained about drawing this assignment instead of the presidential visit. I remember thinking that I had chosen the more momentous event, despite the fanfare of Clinton's appearance and the quiet somberness of the room where we waited.

I remember noting the irony of the simultaneous timing of the two events and the fact that Clinton was probably unaware of this preceding. You see, I was covering the discharge hearing of Lieutenant C. Andrew Holmes, the first American sol-

dier to be discharged under President Clinton's travesty of a "compromise" called "Don't ask; Don't tell."

Without exception, every Guardsman that I interviewed that day conceded that Holmes had served his country honor-

ably and had distinguished himself in the Guard. Colonel Paul Monroe, an Hispanic man and the president of the hearing board that ended Andy's career, openly admitted that as a person of color he felt extreme discomfort with the action being taken against Holmes. He spoke of the opportunity that the military had given him and how such opportunity was being denied others. He also spoke of orders and regulations that leave little choice. The Pentagon's interpretation of the Clinton policy made the outcome clear and the hearing a mere formality.

Webster defines "Kangaroo court" as "an irregular court usually disregarding normal legal procedures, a mock court." I had never actually seen one before that day. As I listened to the uniformed panel of soldiers split hairs over the definitions of homosexual, preference, propensity and orientation, I could not decide whether to chuckle or scream. The most common response of the panel members, by the way, was "I don't know." Everyone in the room already

knew the outcome. As the Guard's legal council, a particularly obsequious individual, put it, "A statement by a federally recognized Army officer that

If true and lasting change is going to happen, we have to make it happen.

he is homosexual creates a rebuttable presumption that the officer engages in, attempts to engage in, or intends to engage in homosexual acts."

In a day full of irony, I couldn't help noting that the uniforms of the four men on the panel made them look, not brave and strong, but rather pathetic. Their's was an impotent position imposed upon them by a president who lost the strength of his convictions and gave in to bigots. It was not a proud moment. I didn't watch the cover-

age of Clinton's visit on the news that night.

If I still believed that President Clinton would make everything alright for us, I would have felt a deep and profound sense of betrayal that day. Instead, the events at the National Guard confirmed a conviction that has been growing since the summer of Clinton's political cowardice. It is that no matter how sincere our straight friends in Washington are, they are not us. Our issues are not their issues, and they do not view them with our passion. If true and lasting change is going to happen, we have to make it happen. No straight prince is going to ride up on a white horse to save us, and he certainly wouldn't kiss us awake if he did.

Sheri Harris, the city councilwoman from Seattle who describes herself as "openly gay, and also openly Black," voiced the message beautifully at Sacramento's annual CAPPAC dinner when she said, "As a little girl I learned from Aunt Mame that life is a banquet. It took a few years to realize that the banquet is served buffet style. You can wait all your life for a waiter, but it's not going to happen. You got to get up and get your own. It's all there for you, but you got to get up and get your own."



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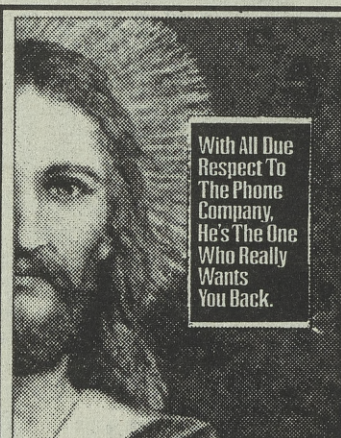
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## HOLMES

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pect of her son being deemed unacceptable for service, she responded, "These are narrow-minded, bigoted people who are afraid of their own sexuality. When you're comfortable with yourself, you have no problem with somebody else."

Wotman intends to take Holmes's case to federal court in order to challenge the Clinton Policy. The recommendation of the hearing has been forwarded to Andy's commander for processing. Baring court intervention, Lt. Holmes will soon gain the distinction of being the first serviceperson discharged under the president's policy.

## DOMESTIC

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Reverend how he could deny the validity of the long-term relationship represented by Audrey and Diane. Reverend Layman stated that theirs was the exception rather than the rule, at which point Willie Brown interrupted with a citation of divorce rates among heterosexuals.

The show was over then, with

barely 20 minutes of actual discussion having occurred. The cameras off, the panelists shook hands and talked amongst themselves while Speaker Brown asked the audience its opinion of the format and encouraged letters of support and critique to KCRA. The debate was certainly not conclusive, but it did provide an opportunity for local viewers to access the issues and consider the various points of view.

## LEATHERFEST

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"Trekks" in the group will get together in the Sierra Inn lounge for a Star Trek Party. Shortly after, the SLA will produce the 1994 Dyke Daddy and Mr. Valley Leather Bear contests. These events will all take place at the Sierra Inn.

On Sunday the 17th the SLA will continue the SM seminars during the morning and then celebrate its Fifth Anniversary with a poolside barbecue and party throughout the afternoon.

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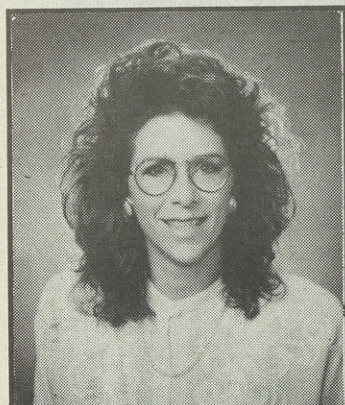
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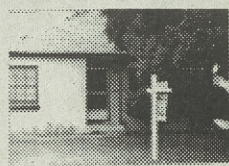
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## PRIDE

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## NEWSBITS

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who was denied a post as scoutmaster for a Berkeley troop because he is gay. The other case concerns twin brothers in Anaheim Hills who were kicked out of their troop because they do not believe in God.

The central issue in both cases is whether the Boy Scouts qualifies as a "business establishment" barred from discriminating under the state Unruh Civil Rights Act.

The Boy Scouts claim that they are a private group, protected by the constitutional guarantee of freedom of association, and can legally reject anyone as members.

In February, a state Court of Appeal in Santa Ana ruled that the Orange County Council of the Scouts is a business under state law and cannot discriminate against someone because of his or her religion. The appeals court ruled that William and Michael Randall, now 12, can remain in the scouts even though they refused to swear an oath to God.

A few weeks later, a state Court of Appeal in Los Angeles ruled the other way, finding that the Boy Scouts is not a business establishment and can legally reject gays as scout leaders.

The ruling came in the case

## SISTERS

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against us will stop."

Explaining who their antagonists are Brenda said, "It's not the town. It's the Southern Baptist. It's the religious right. It's the same people that are after you out there. It's Mississippians for Family Values and now we've got Concerned Women of America... they had their rally this past weekend. There were about 75-100 people there. We've got it on videotape. It was a very quiet group of people. There was no enthusiasm."

Continuing, Henson said, "I understand that rumors are

beginning to fly because people are wanting to know where all the money's going that these guys are raising for legal fees.

What really makes me mad is that the very people that we came up here to work with are the people who are going to be hurt by this the most.

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## ANGELS

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service by his angel friend. Roy Cohn, meanwhile, has been hospitalized for his disease, all the while maintaining he has "liver cancer". In perhaps the plays strangest scenes, he is haunted during bouts of dementia by the ghost of Ethel Rosenberg, who he helped railroad to execution during the McCarthy era.

Our sympathy for Harper, the discarded Mormon wife, is complete, as she descends into madness in part 2. Her drug-induced hallucinations lead her to the Antarctic where she finds the perfect dream baby to validate her empty, childless marriage. When she imagines "hot chocolate milk" running from her breasts to nurse the cold

infant, it's unbelievably heart-breaking.

Harper finally finds peace in her belief that all the souls of those lost to AIDS have risen to form a safety net to patch the damaged ozone layer. And Prior takes faith in the prophecy of a healing fountain that will wash away the pain of all the angels in America (and everywhere.) Tony Kushner believes a cure is possible, and he makes his audience believe it too.

Those of you in New York for the Gay Games will want to check out "Angels In America" there. The rest of us can look forward to a new production of the show in the Bay Area, where it originated, starting this fall. Personally, I can't wait for the big-screen version set to film under Robert Altman's direction.

of Tim Curran, a former Eagle Scout who had filed suit in 1980 after he was rejected as a scoutmaster by the organization's Mount Diablo Council in Walnut Creek. Curran, a Berkeley native, wanted to lead a troop in his hometown and applied to the council for permission.

Curran, now a television producer in Washington, D.C., said, "It's been 14 years, so what's another year. At least we're still in the game."

*San Francisco Chronicle*

four more communities passed anti-gay laws barring antidiscrimination measures for gay men and lesbians. "It was a good night for us," OCA chairman Lon Mabon said about last Tuesday's elections. Twenty-four cities and counties have now passed anti-gay laws, although a state law prevents them from being enforced. The OCA is fighting in the courts to have that law repealed.

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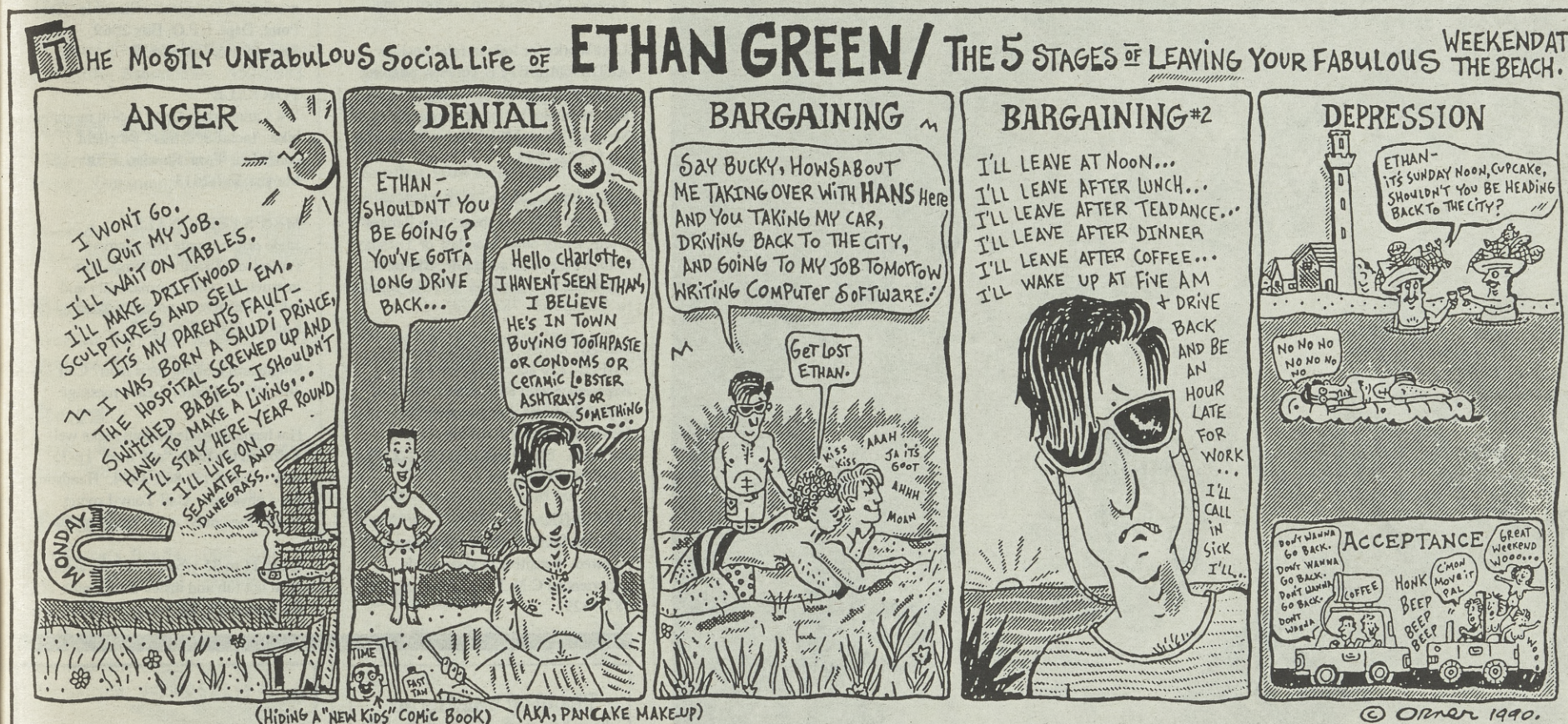
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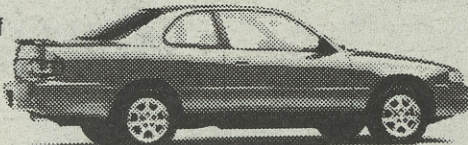


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